

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Status of All of the Claims

Below is the status of the claims in this application.

1. Claim(s) pending: 1-7, 9-11, and 13-30.
2. Claim(s) canceled: 8 and 12.
3. Claim(s) added: 29 and 30.
4. Claims withdrawn from consideration but not canceled: 1-7, 9-11, 13-19, 21, 23-25, 29, and 30.

Claim Support

It is believed that new claims 29 and 30 are supported by the application as originally filed. For example, support for these claims can be at least found at pages 10-11 of the specification and FIGS. 4-5 of the drawings.

Election

In item 1, the previous restriction requirement was withdrawn. In item 2 of the Office Action, the applicants were required to elect one of the following species:

- Species I: Tool with just a clamping mechanism
Species II: Tool with just a scrolling mechanism
Species III: Tool with a clamping mechanism and a scrolling mechanism

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant hereby elects, with traversal, the Species I for prosecution. As a result, claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-19, 21, 23-25, 29, and 30 have been withdrawn from consideration.

In traversal, it is respectfully submitted that the above-mentioned claims could be examined together without imposing an undue burden, especially given the fact that a substantive Office Action was already issued on June 9, 2006. As stated in § 803 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, “[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made

without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." Under this standard, it is believed the search of the above-identified groups and species jointly would not impose a serious burden.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application (such as Examiner amendments), the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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